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	Hung V. Ngo	2831	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 53-107 and 109-113 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 53-96 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 97, 102 and 109-113 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 98-101 and 103-107 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07-06-2005 has been entered.

Claim Objections

Claim 102 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Line 1, "said ground lands" lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 97, 102, 109-113 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chitwood et al.

Chitwood et al disclose a printed circuit board (12), a component (20, 22, 24); a Continuous EMI shield conformingly adhered to top and bottom surfaces of said printed circuit board (Fig 3) comprising conductive coating (34, 36, 38, 40) and a dielectric

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coating (26, 28), the EMI shield has a composition and thickness such that said at least one surface trace has a desired characteristic impedance (inherent)(re claim 97).

Re claim 102, top ground lands (14), (see Fig 1)

Re claim 109, see col. 3, lines 49-52.

Re claims 110, 111 the limitation of "atomization spray techniques" has been considered, but does not result in a structural difference. The presence of process limitations in product claims, which product does not otherwise patentably distinguish over prior art, cannot impart patentability to that product. In re Stephens 145 USPQ 656 (CCPA 1965).

Re claim 112, shield connector (32), a plurality of ground pads (14), conductive coating electrically connects at least one of said plurality of ground pads (Fig 3)

Re claim 113, a coupling mechanism (Fig 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 102, 109-112 is withdrawn in view of the reference(s) to Chitwood et al.

Claims 53-96 are allowed

Claims 98-101, 103-107 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The limitation "spring clips" of claims 53, 103-106 "a bottom ground land" of claims 73, 98-101, 107, "a coupling mechanism" of claim 91 in combination with other limitations present is neither taught nor disclosed in the prior art of record.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung V Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 EXT 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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